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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Dear Sir:



This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2002, setting a three month shortened statutory period for response. Claims 1-11 and 29-37 are currently pending in the application. Reconsideration of the claims in view of the following arguments is respectfully requested.